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ASSESSMENT OF STUKACH'S BUSINESS DEALINGS, ASSOCIATES JOSEPH WOLFSON AND BEN, FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 618

4 May 1944

Your No. 1669[i].

1. The money which STUKACH[ii] will receive will not be put into circulation by him personally. For the 5,000 he will get a loan from Joseph WOLFSON[iii], proprietor of the "MERIDEN Dental Laboratory"[iii], whose business provided STUKACH with cover for six years. About two years ago the cover fell through because S.[ii] does not work in the firm and the LEAGUE [LIGA][iv] required by law the registration of all stockholders, with an indication of their position in the firm. S. has very good personal relations with WOLFSON and the latter will undoubtedly give him a cheque for the required sum. S. will deposit the cheque received for the necessary sum in his account in the bank and then after this will [B% use] the money from the bank. If it is unsufficient, S. may be given some aid by a relative of his wife's who has a watch business.

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2. S. is organising a firm[v] of his own and with the money available he is buying manufactured goods in the shape of watches and crocodile-skin articles: BEN[vi] is assisting him in this. Thus the money will be in goods. During the last two months S. has been making a detailed study of the market for watches and crocodile-skin articles and has ascertained that these things are much in vogue and in great demand. Therefore he is sure that in the next three months [3 groups unrecoverable] will be able to sell them: thus he will not only get back the money invested but will also make a profit of three to four thousand. He will repay his debt to BEN out of the money he makes and will carry on the business without anybody's aid. We repeat, the whole business has been worked out so that S. should be the full owner of the firm and he is not inviting any partners into this [0% work]. In these conditions we can always organise any kind of business or transfer the firm to other hands. The business in its present form is safe and there should be no delay in organising it since the watches will be arriving in the COUNTRY [STRANA][vii] in the near future and must be bought up at once.

We await a reply as soon as possible.

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Footnotes: [i] Not available.

[ii] STUKACH/S.: i.e. "INFORMER"; Joseph KATZ.

[iii] Joseph WOLFSON: Joseph WOLFSON, as working partner, and Joseph KATZ (Footnote [ii]), as owner and financier, operated the MERIDEN Dental Laboratories, MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT, from 1939 to 1943/4. In 1944 WOLFSON was the sole proprietor.

[iv] The LEAGUE: The U.S. Government.

[v] Firm: The "TEMPUS Import Company", NEW YORK CITY, was formed by Joseph KATZ (Footnote [ii]) in 1944 to import leather goods from South AMERICA. From 2 June 1944 KATZ employed his brother-in-law, Martin YOUNG, previously a sales agent for watches. From May 1945 YOUNG and other Communists owned and ran the firm.

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Continued: [vi] BEN: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos. 1050 of 26 July 1944 (3/NBF/T22.2) and 1351 of 23 September 1944 (unpublished).

[vii] COUNTRY: The U.S.A.

[viii] MAJ: i.e. "MAY"; Stepan Zakharovich APRESYaN.

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